

RECYCLING is happening in western Mass.

Yes, please recycle these papers & containers:*



Clean papers, cardboard, clean pizza boxes, paperboard, greeting cards and gift wrap (no foils or metallics), magazines/catalogs, paperbacks and phonebooks.
Paper clips, staples and metal spirals are ok.



Metal cans, foil, milk and juice cartons, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles, jars, tubs and jugs, clear plastic hinged containers (clamshells), clear plastic egg cartons, clear plastic cups.
Labels and caps on bottles are ok.

No, thanks:*



*Lists are not all-inclusive

Contact info

Please check www.springfieldmrf.org

or call the recycling hotline at 888-888-0784 ext. 52293 for more detailed information



THE "YES AND NO" OF RECYCLING IN WESTERN MASS



YES - emptied, rinsed and unbagged:	NO - do not place in municipal recycling:			
<u>Aluminum</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ cans➤ aluminum foil➤ pie pans, "disposable" aluminum trays	aerosol cans siding scrap metal foil-wrapped pouches (kids drinks, fruit, baby food) pots & pans		holiday lights utensils tools batteries	
<u>Steel (tin) cans</u> <p><i>Labels do not need to be removed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ food and beverage cans (metal lids OK)➤ pet food cans (metal lids OK)	aerosol cans tanks of any kind hangers scrap metal paint cans	pots & pans utensils tools toys holiday lights	appliances pipes fuel tanks car parts batteries	
<u>Glass</u> <p><i>Empty and rinse.</i> <i>Labels do not need to be removed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ food and beverage bottles and jars, any color	broken glass holiday lights wine corks dishes drinking glasses	ceramics baking dishes cookware (Pyrex) canning jars	fluorescent light bulbs incandescent light bulbs plate glass windows	eye glasses vases mirrors syringes, sharps
<u>Plastics</u> <p><i>Empty and rinse. Plastic caps may be left on.</i> <i>ONLY containers smaller than 2.5 gallons are recyclable.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ food bottles, tubs, jars: yogurt, cooking oil, condiments, peanut butter, margarine➤ beverage bottles and jugs: water, juice, soda, milk (empty, rinse if possible, put caps back ON)➤ soap bottles: dish soap, detergent, hand sanitizer➤ personal care bottles: hair products, soaps➤ clear plastic clamshells (no black or Styrofoam™)➤ clear plastic cups, clear plastic egg cartons	plastic bags plastic wrap/cling wrap cellophane food bags (e.g., candy bars, cookies, pasta) frozen food bags/pouches liners from food packaging plastic plates cups: color or opaque Styrofoam™ (polystyrene): <ul style="list-style-type: none">- cups/take-out containers- egg cartons- packaging, peanuts- meat trays	small items: straws, loose lids, utensils black plastic compostable plastics cookie trays blister pack packaging tubes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">toothpaste, hair careprescription pill bottlesrefillable water bottlestoysflower potsholiday lights	containers that held hazardous substances: automotive products, pool chemicals, pesticides, etc. containers over 2.5 gallons: 5-gallon pails, buckets, recycling bins, laundry baskets lawn furniture, swimming pools tarps hoses; PVC piping or tubing CD, DVD, VCR tapes/cases syringes, sharps electronics	
<u>Cartons</u> <p><i>Recycle w/containers, not w/paper. Straws go in trash.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ milk and juice cartons (plastic spout OK)➤ soy milk, soup and drink boxes (remove straws)	foil-wrapped pouches (kids drinks, fruit, baby food) frozen food boxes ice cream cartons frozen juice cartons plastic straws			
<u>Paper and Cardboard</u> <p><i>Clean paper only. Flatten boxes.</i> <i>"Windows" in envelopes, staples, paper clips, tape all OK</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ newspaper, inserts, magazines, junk mail➤ white, colored, glossy, and construction paper➤ corrugated cardboard➤ pizza boxes (empty: no food, wax paper, etc.)➤ boxboard (i.e. cereal, pasta, tissue: windows ok)➤ gift wrap, gift bags, gift tissue paper, cards (no metallic inks, foil, wire, glitter, batteries)➤ paperback books and phonebooks (covers OK)	shredded paper soda, seltzer, beer cartons frozen food boxes ice cream cartons frozen juice cartons butter, margarine boxes paper cups paper plates paper egg cartons take-out containers paper towels, napkins tissues	plastic bags, plastic packaging Tyvek/ bubble wrap envelopes stickers & sticker sheeting copy paper wrappers blueprints hardcover books	dirtied paper (pet waste, paint) wet paper, wet cardboard waxed paper or cardboard pizza boxes with food or anything inside: must be empty	
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